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In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for descreening a digital image ~~designing filters that approximates the circularly symmetric frequency response achievable using a non-separable filter~~ comprising:

(a) selecting a cut-off frequency and designing therefrom a one-dimensional separable low pass filter (LP), one-dimensional separable low pass filter LP being a row vector having entries $[X_{-n}, X_{-(n-1)}, \dots X_0, \dots X_{n-1}, X_n]$;

(b) obtaining a two-dimensional separable filter (LPP) by performing the operation: $LP^* \times LP$, LP^* being a column vector having the same entries as one-dimensional separable low pass filter LP, two-dimensional separable filter LPP having dimensions given by: $\{2n+1, 2n+1\}$;

(c) generating a two-dimensional contour plot for the two-dimensional filter LPP;

(d) designing a one-dimensional separable high pass filter (HP), one-dimensional separable high pass filter HP being a row vector having entries $[Y_{-m}, Y_{-(m-1)}, \dots Y_0, \dots Y_{m-1}, Y_m]$;

(e) obtaining a two-dimensional separable filter (HPP) by performing the operation: $HP^* \times HP$, HP^* being a column vector having the same entries as one-dimensional separable high pass filter HP, two-dimensional separable filter HPP having dimensions: $\{2m+1, 2m+1\}$;

(f) generating a two-dimensional contour plot for the two-dimensional filter HPP;

(g) generating a two-dimensional filter (ONE) when the two-dimensional contour plot for the two-dimensional separable filter LPP overlaps the two-dimensional contour plot for the two-dimensional separable filter HPP, two-dimensional filter ONE having the same dimensions of two-dimensional separable filter HPP with the only non-zero entry of value 1 being located at the center of two-dimensional filter ONE;

(h) subtracting two-dimensional separable filter HPP from two-dimensional filter ONE to create matrix (HPPinv);

(i) convolving two-dimensional separable filter LPP with matrix HPPinv to obtain non-separable filter DSCRN having dimensions: $\{2m+2n+1, 2m+2n+1\}$;

(j-i) generating a two-dimensional contour plot for non-separable filter DSCRN;
and

(kj) selecting two-dimensional separable filter LLP and two-dimensional separable filter HHP ~~constructing a filter to eliminate moiré in a rendered image~~ when the two-dimensional contour plot for non-separable filter DSCRN is an approximation to a desired circular symmetry, ~~the filter being constructed of LLP and HHP;~~

(l) repeating (a)-(j) when the two-dimensional contour plot for non-separable filter DSCRN is not an approximation to a desired circular symmetry;

(m) electronically applying the selected two-dimensional separable filter LLP to a digital image to produce a first filtered image;

(n) electronically applying the selected two-dimensional separable filter HHP to a digital image to produce a second filtered image; and

(o) subtracting the second filtered image from the first filtered image to generate a descreened digital image.

Claims 2-6 (Cancelled)